

**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES  
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY**

March 07, 2024  
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.  
Austin Hall

**Senators Present (14)**

Samuel Adu-Prah (COSET), Patrick Buzzini (CJ), Tamara Cook (COSET), Brandy Doleshal (COSET), Xiaoman Duan (COBA), Dustin Gross (COSET), Daphne Johnson (COE), Nick Lantz (CHSS), Victoria Lantz (CAM), Audrey Murfin (CHSS), Shyam Pandey (CHSS), Todd Primm (COSET), Zachary Valdes (NGL), Darren Williams (COSET).

**Senators Not Present (15)**

Diana Brown (COBA), Miltonette Craig (CJ), Kevin Crouch (CAM), Magdalena Denham (CJ), Debbi Hatton (CAM), Owen Kelly (COM), Kimberly LaPrairie (COE), Kenneth McIntyre (CHSS), Diana Nabors (COE), Erica Pasquini (COHS), Vlad Radoias (COBA), Karen Sherrill (COBA), Zeinab Shuker (CHSS), Anthony Watkins (CAM), Rebecca Wentworth (COE).

**Special Guests**

Dr. Ann Theodori, Vice President for Enrollment Success, SHSU

**Called to Order**

3:30 p.m., by Chair, Samuel Adu-Prah.

**Discussion with Special Guest, Dr. Ann Theodori, Vice President for Enrollment Success, SHSU**

Dr. Theodori presented on the topic of *APS 840502 - Admission Standards for Undergraduate Students*, in which she discussed key challenges associated with the policy in its current form, and detailed how the workgroup's proposed revisions are designed to alleviate the impact of the policy's current limitations. Of those limitations, Dr. Theodori primarily discussed the policy's integration of admission standards criteria, which she demonstrated require frequent adjustment, and are generally not located within academic policies or set by faculty senate bodies. She then detailed how the policy's rewrite has emphasized establishing the framework and process by which admission standards are evaluated for proposed revisions.

Questions and comments from senate covered various subjects pertaining to the discussion topic, including: proposed location of published admission standards; frequency of admission standards revision; challenges associated with current admission standards; optimal criteria for determining student readiness and predicting student academic success; enrollment growth initiatives; international student enrollment trends; and mechanisms to ensure continued faculty participation on future admission standards revision proposals.

The senate thanked Dr. Theodori for attending and presenting on this topic.

**Approval of Minutes**

Due to the March 7, 2024, Faculty Senate meeting not achieving quorum, approval of the February 22, 2024, Minutes report was rescheduled for the next Faculty Senate meeting on March

21, 2024.

### **Discussion Topics**

1. APS 800722 – *Merit Increases in Salary*
2. Faculty concerns with IT - Software use and the University Technology Acquisition Process
3. Bearkat Workgroup Update – Sen. Miltonette Craig
4. Committee on Committee and Surveys – Update (Chair)

### **Chair's Report**

1. Update on Texas Council of Faculty Senate Spring 2024 Meeting
2. Shared governance –Senators from Colleges to meet with respective College Deans on Monthly basis
3. Strategic Planning Survey Data Sharing – Provost Response
4. Workgroups – Update
5. AOB

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.